

I claim:

1. A burial system for interring remains within the ground, comprising:
a tub having a removable lid, the tub being adapted to be at least partially buried such
that the lid at least proximate a surface of the ground;
5 at least one pod located inside the tub, the at least one pod having a removable top
and having an interior region configured to hold at least one container; and
a door member adapted to be removably placed over the lid proximate the surface of
the ground.
2. The system of Claim 1, wherein the at least one pod is substantially cylindrical
10 shaped.
3. The system of Claim 1, wherein the container is configured to receive at least one
of cremation remains, relics, and memorial materials.
4. The system of Claim 1, wherein the door member includes at least one of a regular
pentagon member, an irregular pentagon member, a regular hexagon member, an irregular
15 hexagon member, a square member, a rectangular member, a triangular member, an oval
member, and a circle member.
5. The system of Claim 4, wherein the irregular hexagon comprises four major sides
of approximately equal length and two minor sides of approximately equal length, the minor
sides being about half the length of the major side, and wherein the four major sides includes

a first major side and a second major side, the first major side and the second major side defining a first included angle of approximately 105 degrees;

a third major side and a fourth major side, the third major side defining a second included angle of approximately 112 degrees with the first major side, and the fourth major side
5 defining a third included angle of approximately 112 degrees with the second major side; and
wherein the two minor sides include

a fifth minor side and a sixth minor side, the fifth minor side defining a fourth included angle of approximately 112 degrees with the third major side, and the sixth minor side defining a sixth included angle of approximately 112 degrees with the fourth major side, and
10 the fifth minor side defining a seventh included angle of approximately 165 degrees with the sixth minor side.

6. The system of Claim 1, wherein the tub is adapted to receive a plurality of pods.
7. The system of Claim 6, wherein each pod being adapted to receive a plurality of containers.
- 15 8. The system of Claim 6, wherein each pod comprises an elongated, substantially cylindrically-shaped interior region.
9. The system of Claim 1, wherein the tub includes an inlet aperture disposed therethrough, further comprising a conduit positioned within an interior region of the tub and fluidly communicating with the inlet aperture, the conduit having at
20 least one exit aperture disposed therethrough in fluid communication with the interior region of the tub.



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10. The system of Claim 1, further comprising a bracing device coupled to the tub and to the lid.
11. The system of Claim 10, wherein the bracing device includes a first member coupled to the tub and a second member coupled to the lid, the first and second members being hingeably coupled such that the lid may be hingeably removed from the tub.
12. The system of Claim 10, wherein the bracing device is asymmetrically coupled to the tub.
13. The system of Claim 1, wherein the door member includes an attachment member adapted to facilitate removal of the door member from the lid.
14. The system of Claim 1, wherein the door member includes a receptacle adapted to receive a vase.
15. A columbarium pod burial system, comprising:
a tub with a removable lid;
a pod located inside the tub, the pod having a removable top and configured to hold at least one container;
a water ballast located inside the tub; and
a stone having a memorial plaque,
whereby the tub is buried overlaid by the removable lid and stone and kept to a stable position by the water ballast under a variety of groundwater conditions.
16. The system of Claim 15, wherein the pod is substantially cylindrical shaped.
17. The system of Claim 15, wherein the container is configured to receive cremation remains, relics, and memorial materials.

18. The system of Claim 15, wherein the stone has a plurality of polygon shapes including a regular pentagon, an irregular pentagon, a regular hexagon, an irregular hexagon, a square, a rectangle, and a triangle.
19. The system of Claim 18, wherein the irregular hexagon comprises four major sides of approximately equal length and two minor sides of approximately equal length, the minor sides being about half the length of the major side, and further described as
- a first major side and a second major side, the first side and the second side having an angle of approximately 105 degrees;
- a third major side and a fourth major side, the third side having an angle of approximately 112 degrees with the first side, and the fourth side having an angle of approximately 112 degrees with the second side; and
- a fifth minor side and a sixth minor side, the fifth side having an angle of approximately 112 degrees with the third side, and the sixth side having an angle of approximately 112 degrees with the fourth side, and the fifth side having an angle of approximately 165 degrees with the sixth side.
20. The system of Claim 15, wherein the water ballast includes a pipe substantially parallel with the pod and attached with the bottom of the tub, the pipe having a hole placed along the length of the pipe at a distance from the bottom of the tub, whereby accumulating ground is retained in the tub at a height approximately equivalent to the distance from the bottom of the tub.
21. A columbarium pod burial system, comprising:



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- a tub having an removable lid;
- a first plurality of containers configured to hold cremated remains;
- a second plurality of containers configured to hold relics;
- a water ballast;
- 5 a plurality of pods, the pods being having a removable top;
- a container mapping system;
- a lid removably placed over the tub; and
- a stone removably placed over the lid, the stone having a plurality of memorial
plaques;
- 10 and a mapping locator,
- whereby the water ballast system keeps the tub from being displaced from
groundwater and the container location is determined by the container mapping that
registers the mapping locator.
- 15 22. The system of Claim 21, wherein the plurality of pods includes seven tubes, each
tube configured to hold the first and second plurality of containers.
23. The system of Claim 21, wherein the pod registration system includes a tub
reference mark located on the inside of the tub and a pod stabilizer, the pod
stabilizer having an indicator, whereby placement of the pod stabilizer aligns the
20 indicator with the reference mark and registers the location of the pods with the tub.
24. The system of Claim 21, wherein the stone has a plurality of polygon shapes
including a regular pentagon, an irregular pentagon, a regular hexagon, an irregular
hexagon, a square, a rectangle, and a triangle.

25. The system of Claim 21, wherein the irregular hexagon comprises four major sides of approximately equal length and two minor sides of approximately equal length, the minor sides being about half the length of the major side, and further described as
- 5 a first major side and a second major side, the first side and the second side having an angle of approximately 105 degrees;
- a third major side and a fourth major side, the third side having an angle of approximately 112 degrees with the first side, and the fourth side having an angle of approximately 112 degrees with the second side; and
- 10 a fifth minor side and a sixth minor side, the fifth side having an angle of approximately 112 degrees with the third side, and the sixth side having an angle of approximately 112 degrees with the fourth side, and the fifth side having an angle of approximately 165 degrees with the sixth side.
26. The system of Claim 21, wherein the stone is attached with the tub to prevent the
- 15 slippage of the stone on hilly terrains.
27. The system of Claim 21, wherein the container mapping locator includes a landmark numerical array and a property description numerical array.
28. The system of Claim 27, wherein the landmark numerical array includes a landmark descriptor, a stone number, a pod number, a container depth number, and a pod
- 20 capacity number.




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29. The system of Claim 28, wherein the landmark numerical array includes a landmark descriptor, a stone number, a pod number, a container depth number, and a pod capacity number.
30. The system of Claim 27, wherein the property description numerical array includes
5 a geographic descriptor, a stone number, a pod number, a container depth number, and a pod capacity number.
31. The system of Claim 30 wherein the geographic descriptor includes a geographic coordinate of a meets-and-bounds legal description and a geographic coordinate obtained from global positioning measurements.
- 10 32. A method of burial, comprising:
placing a decedent's remains within a container;
removeably securing the container within an elongated pod member, the pod member
being adapted to receive a plurality of containers; and
removeably securing the pod member within an interior of a storage member, the
15 storage member being sealable and being at least partially disposed within a burial medium.
33. The method of Claim 32, wherein removeably securing the container within an elongated pod member includes removeably securing the container within an approximately cylindrical pod member.
- 20 34. The method of Claim 32, wherein removeably securing the pod member within an interior of a storage member includes slideably securing the pod member into a receptacle disposed within the storage member.



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35. The method of Claim 32, further comprising prior to placing the decedent's remains within a container, cremating the decedent.
36. The method of Claim 32, further comprising providing a conduit disposed within the storage member, the conduit being in fluid communication with the interior of the storage member and with the surrounding burial medium, and being adapted to permit a fluid medium to move between the interior and surrounding burial medium.
37. The method of Claim 32, further comprising providing a conduit disposed within the storage member, the conduit being in fluid communication with the interior of the storage member and with the surrounding burial medium, and being adapted to permit a fluid medium to move between the interior and surrounding burial medium.
38. The method of Claim 32, further comprising further comprising removeably securing a door member over the storage member.
39. A columbarium pod burial system, comprising:
a tub with a removable lid;
a pod located inside the tub, the pod having a removable top and configured to hold at least one container;
a water ballast located inside the tub;
a cover having a stone-like appearance; and
a frame holding the cover,



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whereby the tub is buried overlaid by the removable lid and overlaid by the cover,
the cover being kept to a stable position by the frame.

40. The system of Claim 39, wherein the cover is made to have the stone-like
appearance with a mold configured to impart the stone-like appearance onto the
5 surface of the cover.

41. The system of Claim 39, wherein the frame is a polygon having a plurality of
shapes, each side of the polygon having orifices to receive bolts to connect to
other frames.

42. The system of Claim 41, wherein the polygon includes a triangle, a square, a
10 diamond, a pentagon, and a hexagon.

43. The system of Claim 41, wherein the frames are connected into a plurality of arrays,
the arrays including a straight chain of frames, a staggered chain of frames, a
curved chain of frames, a circular array of frames, and a stepped chain of
frames.

15 44. The system of Claim 43, wherein each frame holds the cover.

45. The system of Claim 44, wherein the cover includes a plurality of sizes.

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